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SUBJECT: LOS: UNCLASSIFIED WEEKLY SUMMARY: WEEK ENDING APRIL 23

1. SUMMARY: LOSDEL HAS VERY LITTLE TO ADD IN SUMMARY TO REPORT OF LAST WEEK. WHILE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN PROCEEDING WITH REVIEW OF SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT, MEASURES OF CONFERENCE RESULTS WILL BE THE REVISED TEXTS WHICH ARE EXPECTED ABOUT MAY 4. AT END OF WEEK COMMITTEE I (DEEP SEABEDS) CHAIRMAN BEGIN ISSUANCE OF FIRST THREE OF A NUMBER OF CHAIRMAN'S PAPERS (PROPOSED REVISED TEXTS) ON PRINCIPAL ISSUES ON SEABEDS REGIME. COMMITTEE I EXPECTS TO CONCLUDE FORMAL WORK TOWARD END OF THIS WEEK AT WHICH TIME IT WILL ADJOURN WHILE GROUP OF 77 CONSIDERS TEXTS EMBODIED IN CHAIRMAN'S PAPERS. COMMITTEE II (TERRITORIAL SEA, STRAITS, ECONOMIC ZONE) DEBATE ON ARTICLE 73 (HIGH UNCLASSIFIED

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SEAS) INDICATED USUAL SPLIT IN VIEWS AS TO THE NATURE OF

ECONOMIC ZONE HOWEVER THERE APPEARED TO BE INCREASED AWARENESS THAT THIS CRITICAL ISSUE MUST BE REASONABLY RESOLVED IN A MANNER THAT WILL PROTECT HIGH SEAS STATUS OF THE ZONE FOR NON-RESOURCE USES. THERE APPEARS TO BE GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF NECESSITY OF A SECOND SESSION THIS SUMMER IF THE REVISED TEXT INDICATE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS. IN OUR VIEW SUCH A SESSION IS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP UP MOMENTUM IF BROADLY ACCEPTABLE TREATY IS TO BE ACHIEVED BEFORE UNILATERAL PRESSURES REDUCE PROSPECTS. END SUMMARY.

2. COMMITTEE I: (DEEP SEABEDS). C-1 MET IN DAILY SESSION THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THE WEEK OF APRIL 19. THURSDAY AND FRIDAY WERE GIVEN OVER TO SMALL GROUP MEETINGS ON THE ENTERPRISE, THE TRIBUNAL, AND THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR REVENUE SHARING UNDER A CONTRACT.

3. COMMITTEE I COMPLETED DISCUSSION OF THE REGIME AND THE ASSEMBLY. A STEADY PACE CONTINUES ALTHOUGH NIGHT MEETINGS WILL BECOME NECESSARY THIS WEEK IN ORDER TO COMPLETE AN ARTICLE BY ARTICLE REVIEW OF THE SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT FOR PART 1 AS WELL AS THE STATUTE ON THE TRIBUNAL AND THE ENTERPRISE.

4. ENGO ISSUED COMMITTEE WORKING PAPERS FRIDAY ON ARTICLES 9, 22, AND ANNEX 1. THIS TEXT REPRESENTS THE CHAIRMAN'S PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF AN EMERGING CONCENSUS.

5. COMMITTEE II: (TERRITORIAL SEA, STRAITS, ECONOMIC ZONE). COMPLETED DEBATE THIS WEEK ON PART IV (CONTINENTAL SHELF), PART V (HIGH SEAS), PART VI (LAND LOCKED STATES), AND COMMENCE DEBATE ON PART VII (ARCHIPELAGOS). WITH CHAIRMAN AGUILAR'S RETURN THE PACE OF WORK HAS ACCELERATED. INTENTION IS TO COMPLETE DEBATE ON PART II OF THE SNT BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28. WHILE DEBATE ON THE HIGH SEAS REVEALED CUSTOMARY SPLIT IN VIEW AS TO NATURE OF ECONOMIC ZONE, THERE APPEARS TO BE INCREASED AWARENESS THAT THIS CRITICAL ISSUE MUST BE REASONABLY RESOLVED. ON CONTINENTAL SHELF ISSUE, SIGNIFICANT UNCLASSIFIED

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SUPPORT APPEARED FOR REASONABLE, OBJECTIVE DEFINITION COUPLED WITH REVENUE SHARING BEYOND 200 MILES. COMMITTEE REMAINED SPLIT ALONG WELL-KNOWN LINES ON ISSUE OF FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND TRANSIT RIGHTS FOR LANDLOCKED STATES.

6. C-III: (SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND MARINE POLLUTION). DURING WEEK OF 18 APRIL THE WORKING GROUP ON MARINE

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH MET ONLY ONCE, THEREBY ALLOWING MORE TIME FOR THE INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS IN THE SMALL GROUP HEADED BY AMBASSADOR BRENNAN. IN THE WORKING GROUP, MOST OF THE DISCUSSION CENTERED ON THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF LANDLOCKED STATES IN REGARD TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT. WORK ON PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT CONTINUED OUTSIDE OF THE COMMITTEE ROOM IN VARIOUS PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS. THE CHAIRMAN IS EXPECTED TO REPORT SOME CONCLUSIONS FROM THESE CONSULTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON 26 APRIL.

7. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. THERE WERE NO MEETINGS ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. AMERASINGHE CONTINUES TO WAIT FOR GROUP 77 COMMENTS BEFORE ISSUING NEW TEXT, NOW EXPECTED EARLY NEXT WEEK.
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